

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims as follows. Claims 1-5, 10-14 and 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,668,081 (Ilan). Claims 6-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ilan in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0024341 (Gillespie). Claim 7 was alternatively rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ilan in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0263487 (Mayoraz). Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ilan in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0063678 (Wong). Claims 9 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ilan in view of the Examiner's cited reference "Handbook for Palm m100 Series Handhelds" (Palm).

A certified translation of the priority document from which the present invention claims priority is attached hereto. It is respectfully requested that Applicants' claim for priority be perfected and Mayoraz be removed as a reference.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), the Examiner states that Ilan teaches all the elements of Claim 1 except a library for storage of programs, which the Examiner states is "well known and conventional that the programs are stored on the computer as well" (Office Action, Page 2). Although

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner, Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to further clarify and distinguish the present invention.

Ilan teaches a touchpad pointing device utilized as a pattern input device for a pattern recognition system. The input pattern received from the touchpad pointing device is translated into a start application command. Ilan does not teach displaying a symbol linked to a program for a predetermined amount of time after the program has been invoked, as set forth in amended Claim 1.

In contrast to that which is taught by Ilan, Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include the recitation *displaying the symbol linked to the program for a predetermined time after the program has been invoked and thereafter displaying the operation state of the program*, which is neither taught nor suggested by Ilan. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claims 1 and 11 be withdrawn.

Accordingly, it is believed that independent Claims 1 and 11 are in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability *per se* of the dependent claims, Claims 2-10 and 12-17 are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the above reasons. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1-17 is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that pending Claims 1-17 are believed to be in condition for

allowance. Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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